The Cedar Centre

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Chairpersons Report 2025/2026

This is our seventh report as a registered charity. We continue to operate services to locally disadvantaged persons.

We have now completed our first year of operating from our new address in the Sandveien Centre, Kantersted Road, Lerwick, Shetland.

The move from our old premises has been beneficial to all aspects of our work. The building offers a substantial increase in the types of facilities, and activities we can offer our clients, alongside improved access and parking. The attendance figures are increasing, both at the drop-ins on Wednesdays and Fridays, and the Sunday Worship services. This is very encouraging and we have plans to further develop activities beginning shortly with the introduction of Art classes for interested clients. We will be restarting our winter gym classes shortly that proved popular last year, additionally our established sewing, knitting and crotchet group continues to thrive with increased attendance.

We welcomed Harriet Beats onto the team recently. Harriet has extensive experience working alongside similar clientele in her other roles in this sector. This appointment ensures we have adequate volunteer/staff coverage to reflect the increase in attendances.

We continue to receive funding from donations and direct debits to our account. We are especially grateful to Hjaltland Christian Fellowship who recently provided us with a donation of £5000.00 on the winding up of their own local charity. This alongside the other income streams ensures the longevity of the project.

The annual accounts show a significant decrease in rental costs in comparison to our previous address. Alongside other savings, eg. electricity, gives us more financial flexibility.

We now look forward to offering an increased and enhanced level of activities as we continue to reach out and identify those in our community who may benefit from our services.

Finally, special thanks to all our volunteers and contributors, for their valuable input and support to the work of the project over the past year.

Frank Miller, Chairperson, Cedar Centre, Lerwick, Shetland.